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Belgium has nominated Brussels examining magistrate Judge Daniel Fransen to be one of the non-Lebanese judges at the international Special Tribunal for Lebanon in the Hague. According to a BELGA news report, Fransen is a specialist in terrorist cases who brought Belgium's cases against the Belgian cell of the Maroccan Islamic network connected to attacks in Madrid and Casablanca as well as its Belgian subgroup that sent Jihad candidates to Iraq, including the first European woman suicide-bomber. Fransen issued an international mandate against former Chad leader Hissen Habre, then an international fugitive.

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